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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Tooru INOUE and Akihiro GOTO  
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT  
Assignee: MITSUBISHI DENKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
Our Ref: Q78181

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/660,417 (Confirmation No. 2439) filed September 12, 2000 of Tooru INOUE and Akihiro GOTO entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, six (6) sheets of drawings, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 SB/08 A & B Form, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1734.

**Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:**

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/660,417 filed September 12, 2000, which is a Continuation of PCT/JP98/02042 filed May 8, 1998; the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>3</u>	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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